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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to promote economic development activities for the benefit of the backward classes;

(b) if so, the various programmes/schemes introduced by the National Backward Classes Finance andDevelopment Corporation to achieve the above objectives; and

(c) the steps taken by the various State Governments particularly Gujarat since the constitution of the Corporation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) has been established with a view to promote economic and development activities for the members of backward Classes living below double the poverty line and to assist them by providing loan and financial assistance at concessional rate of interest for income generating activities and upgradation of skill. In order to achieve these objectives, the Corporation has been implementing the following schemes-

(i) Loan schemes-

(a) Term loan;

(b) Margin money loan;

(c) New Swarnima scheme for women;

(d) Micro-finance scheme;

(e) Education loan scheme

(ii) Training for upgradation of technical skill.

(c) The NBCFDC provide financial assistance to the SCAs nominated by respective State Governments for the purpose of further disbursement to the ultimate eligible beneficiaries. The Corporation have so far cumulatively disbursed Rs. 715.38 crores for 4,48,268 beneficiaries (as on 10-12-2002) in various States/Union Territories.

As regards Gujarat, the Government of Gujarat has nominated 2 channelizing agencies,namely, Gujarat BC Development Corporation and Gujarat Gopalak Development Corporation Ltd.The NBCFDC has so far released 56.60 crores to Gujarat BC Development Corporation and Rs. 3.50crores to Gujarat Gopalak Development Corporation Ltd. The SCAs have so far disbursed Rs. 34.55 crores to 9345 beneficiaries.

During the current financial year, the NBCFDC has allocated an amount of 24.42 crores toGujarat of which, the SCAs have drawn an amount of Rs. 22.10 crores for assisting 3136 beneficiaries. The repayment from SCAs of Gujarat to NBCFDC is 100% and the utilization of the funds drawn by the SCAs is 61%. The National Corporation has advised the SCAs to expedite theutilization of funds taken by them.